

ARTS COMMITTEE

Right of Reconsideration Guidelines

The grant review process is guided by a published assessment process which is described in the application material as the Guidelines for Assessment. The decisions of the Arts Committee with regard to the Arts Grants Policy are final and conclusive for all purposes. The Arts Committee may, if it considers it advisable, reconsider a grant application.

The Arts Committee shall exercise great care and caution in reconsidering grant applications. Therefore, the Committee will not normally accede to a request for reconsideration unless the Applicant can demonstrate that the Guidelines for Assessment, as published in the application material, were not followed. More specifically, the applicant must be able to show with substantial evidence that a procedural error occurred in the original assessment process. Such a procedural error could include for example the failure on the part of staff to provide either the arts assessment panel or the Arts Committee with the applicant's application during the course of the assessment process. The Arts Committee may also consider such factors as an allegation that an artistic assessor or a Committee representative was in a conflict of interest position at some point in the assessment process.

Notwithstanding these basis for reconsidering such a matter, it is important to recognize that the purpose of the right of reconsideration is not to revisit issues of artistic merit nor to review the final financial recommendations submitted by the Arts Committee.

Should the Applicant making the request for reconsideration not satisfy this threshold, the Arts Committee may decline to reconsider the matter.